

## ABSTRACT

A tactile-encoded combination lock including a housing and a closure piece. The combination lock may be configured as general locking device or as a special locking device for use with guns. The housing includes an accessible tactile-encoded circular dial, operably connected to an internal locking mechanism. The dial includes a tactile dial index on its outer periphery. A tactile registration index and at least two tactile rotational position indices are also provided on the housing, in spaced relation from the outer periphery of the dial. The locking mechanism includes a coupling means receiver. When the lock is in a locked condition, the closure receiver is interconnected to coupling means, extending from the closure piece. Upon proper entry of the combination, using the tactile input from the dial index, the registration index, and the indices, the encoded combination is entered, releasing the coupling means and the closure piece.